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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, JA

SUBJECT: CVAIR; CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OF ANTI-HIJACKING EQUIPMENT

REF: STATE 184573

1. AT REQUEST OF TWA/TOKYO, EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUTIAABLE STATUS OF METAL DETECTORS WITH OFFICIAL OF IMPORT SECTION, CUSTOMS BUREAU, FINANCE MINISTRY (MOF) ON OCT 3. MOF OFFICIAL SAID THAT IN LIGHT OF MUTUAL INTEREST IN PREVENTING HIJACKING, MOF HAD EARNESTLY SOUGHT TO MEET REQUEST FOR DUTY-FREE TREATMENT OF INSTRUMENTS BEING IMPORTED FOR USE BY TWA AT NAHA. HOWEVER, ON BASIS EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW OF APPLICABLE LAWS

AND REGULATIONS MOF HAD DETERMINED THAT THERE NO PROVISION FOR SUCH TREATMENT.

2. OFFICIAL EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR WILLINGNESS OF USG TO PERMIT DUTY-FREEIMPORTATION OF METAL DETECTORS AS "GROUND HANDLING EQUIPMENT"

BUT STATED IT NOT POSSIBLE UNDER JAPANESE REGULATION RELATING TO DUTY EXEMPTION FOR GROUND EQUIPMENT (ART 22 OF CABINET ORDER FOR ENFORCEMENT

OF CUSTOMS TARIFF LAW), OR ANY OTHER REGULATION, FOR GOJ TO ACCORD RECIPROCAL TREATMENT.

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3. ON BASIS FOREGOING, MOF OFFICIAL SAID THERE UNFORTUNATELY NO

ALTERNATIVE TO PAYMENT OF DUTY ON INSTRUMENTS IN QUESTION. DUTY  
WILL BE CHARGED AT 6 PERCENT AD VAL (APPROX DOLS 250) UNDER  
TARIFF HEADING 85.22. TWA/TOKYO INFORMED.  
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